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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MORAN of Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 13, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MORAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARNAHAN) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of heaven and Earth, may Your people, especially children, dream great dreams and never become cynical. May faith be their foundation and hope the dynamic of their lives.

Give government leaders wisdom to accomplish great tasks on behalf of Your people. May they provide a peaceful and stable environment so that family life may flourish in this Nation. Let their good deeds and works of justice give You glory, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLÁN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SABLÁN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WE NEED REFORMS THAT DO NOT HURT SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as the Senate Finance Com-

mittee votes on their version of the health care takeover, the American people see business as usual in Washington—more spending, more government, and more taxes.

The American people are more and more shocked with these big government schemes. They understand that we need a set of reforms that will not hurt small businesses or families through tax penalties and unintelligible government mandates. We do not need thousands of more pages of regulations controlled by a health czar, the most powerful and all-wise person on Earth.

Republicans continue to offer solutions that promote potential of our proven free market system. We can help families and small businesses secure affordable health care regardless of preexisting conditions and ensure choice. We must protect the doctor-patient relationship for senior citizens and protect jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

CONGRATULATING MR. MATTHEW SAFERITE ON ARKANSAS SECONDARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Matthew Saferite for being named Arkansas Secondary Principal of the Year.

Mr. Saferite, the principal of Ramay Junior High School in Fayetteville, Arkansas, demonstrates extraordinary leadership and commitment to his students and his staff on a daily basis. He works to identify and seek opportunities for all who enter the halls of his school.

His hard work has made him a model of success for students as well as fellow

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